

GENERAL NEWS.

40,000th issue of the "Times."

On September 1, the "Times" published its 40,000th number, and to mark the occasion the issue of that day contained 44 extra pages, chiefly devoted to three subjects—the history of printing, the history of newspapers, and the history of the "Times."

Bdr. Wells as a Runner.
The Cardiff £200 sprint handicap last month, according to the "N. China Daily News," gave Bdr. Wells a chance to show that boxing is not his only strong point. He was allowed 10½ yds. start from R. E. Walker of South Africa and J. Donaldson of Australia. Neither of the scratch men survived the opening round, but Wells won his heat in 9.4/5 sec. and the final in 9.3/5 sec. His victory was easily gained and it looks as though he is quite equal to 10.3/5 sec. for 100 yards, which is a really good performance for a heavyweight boxer.

Siberia's Record Trapping Season.

No one need be cold next winter, for, according to figures just published the trapping season has been so successful that the number of fur-bearing animals caught passes all records. Reports from Siberia announce that about 4,500,000 squirrels and 1,500,000 white hares have been bagged, as well as 12,250 sables, 200,000 ermines, 100,000 blue foxes, 15,000 brown bears, 180,000 storks, and 18,500 gray wolves. Following this report it is stated that furs will be extraordinarily cheap next season.

Discovery of a Comet.
The first cometary discovery of the present year has been made by Mr. Walter F. Gale, F.R.S., an amateur astronomer of New South Wales. This is his second cometary discovery, as he found the comet 1894 II. with a 3in. telescope; it became a conspicuous object with a tail 4deg. long, and was visible for five months. The new comet was found on September 9 at 9h. 20m. a.m. (Greenwich time), in Right Ascension 13h. 37min. 1sec., south declination 30deg. 31min. It is, therefore, an evening star, 37deg. east of the sun, and 24deg. south of it.

Americans and the British Motor Market.

The "Daily Express" publishes facts and figures with regard to the invasion of Great Britain by the cheap American motorcar, and urges that some concerted action be taken, at once, by British manufacturers to stem this invasion and save a great and profitable industry, which offers a wealth of wages to the British working man. It says that the only way to recapture the huge trade in this class of car is for a firm of manufacturers or a number of firms to concentrate on the cheap car and turn it out in such quantities that it will pay.

The Burden of the Death Duties.
The Hon. Irene Lawley, who inherited the Esrick Park Estate, near York, from her father, the late Lord Wenlock, and who has been obliged—as she stated in a letter to abandon her intention of living on it owing to the heavy death duties, has made a statement of her case. She says:—When all that it is possible immediately to realize from sale of property (a sum of £20,000) has been paid, the death duty claims £5,000 a year for eight years—the period permitted for payment by instalments. This takes the whole of my personal income (which might have been £4,000 a year), and also necessitates the reduction of estate expenses.It seems to me that a tax which takes all of my income and turns me out of my home is confiscation rather than taxation.

Lieutenant-General MacArthur.
Lieutenant-General Arthur MacArthur, the United States Army veteran of the Civil, Indian, and Spanish-American Wars and the Philippine insurrection, died suddenly at Milwaukee on Sept. 5 while addressing the reunion banquet of the 24th Wisconsin Regiment. In 1898 he went to the Philippines as a brigadier-general of volunteers, and took part in the capture of Manila. In February, 1899, he repulsed an insurgent attack upon Manila and fought the Battle of O'Connell. A month later he succeeded General Otis in general command of the division of the Philippines and at the same time became Military Governor of the islands.

COMMERCE AND NAVAL POLICY.

Need for International Action.

Mr. F. W. Hirst, editor of the "Economist," addressed a large meeting of the Dundee Chamber of Commerce recently on the Commerce of Dundee and Naval Policy.

He said that, while Britain must have a Navy sufficiently strong to guard her against attack, that was no reason why steps should not be taken to provide mutual and general limitation of armaments. Every expansion in recent years had only whetted the appetites of the firms who sold war material to the Government.

By opposing at two Hague conferences the exemption of peaceful shipping and peaceful merchandise from capture or destruction in a naval war, Great Britain had forced the Great Powers from motives of commercial defence to enlarge their fleets to protect their own merchant vessels from piratical cruisers in search of prize-money.

The idea of war with Germany was too terrible, and also too foolish to contemplate, but he was afraid they were bound to contemplate it in view of the speeches made by some of those who for the moment were in authority.

There would be no relaxation in the friction with German ship-owners and merchants until they in Dundee and their friends in other parts appreciated the danger and insisted upon a remedy. We wanted to have in the country preparations for peace as well as preparations for war. The Government must be plainly spoken to, and we must press for commercial freedom to navigate the seas in time of war, for the immunity of all peaceful commerce from capture, and for the abolition of all floating mines and all contrivances which endangered the life and property of non-combatants. The time had come for all the great industrial and shipping communities in Great Britain, and along the Dutch, German, Scandinavian, and Russian seaboard, to communicate with one another, and with their Governments to take new precautions and get new guarantees against war.—"Daily News."

VISIBLE IN FOG.

Ships' Direction Recorded.

Considerable interest has been aroused in Liverpool by a demonstration of the working of an invention for use in ships, particularly in time of fog, to show the direction of sounds such as those of the sirens of other ships, says the N. China Daily News.

The apparatus, which is the invention of two brothers named Hodgkinson, consists of a "drum" to receive the sound waves and an indicator. The "drum," which is 9ft. by 5ft., is placed aloft, where it cannot be affected by sounds on the deck, and it is connected electrically with the indicator, which is placed in such a position that it can readily be seen by the ship's officer on duty. The receiver consists of a number of units, each of which receives sound waves from a particular direction. Though sensitive to sound waves they are not affected by ordinary mechanical vibrations. By means of an electrical device a sound wave from a particular direction causes an electrical lamp in a particular position on the indicator to light.

Track Shown by Light.

The position of the lighted lamp shows the position that the ship whose siren is sounding occupies with regard to the ship which carries the apparatus. The lamp remains alight until seen by the officer on duty, who can then switch it off. If the other vessel is moving different lamps light in succession, showing the vessel's course.

It is claimed that the apparatus indicates the direction in which a vessel blowing a fog horn is travelling—whether she is going ahead, astern, or on either side. If there are several ships in the vicinity the recording lights from any of them can be shut off until the position of the others has been observed.

Exhaustive tests, extending over eight days, have been made on the Mersey in misty and windy weather. The sounds made by the fog horns of steamships and the whistles of railway engines were recorded.

REPELLING BUBONIC.

Vigorous Measures in America.

During the past few weeks news reports from Porto Rico and Cuba have told of the appearance of bubonic plague in those islands. At the same time says the "Outlook," they have carried the reassuring information of prompt and vigorous measures adopted by the insular authorities and by the Public Health Service of the United States to prevent the spread of the disease beyond the points at which it first appeared, and to eliminate it within the infected area. Up to the of July forty-five cases of plague in human beings were reported from Porto Rico—all of these, with one exception, occurring in the port city of San Juan or in its immediate neighbourhood. Three cases were reported from Havana.

On July 27 a plague-infected rat was found in New Orleans, marking the first foothold gained by the disease in any of the cities of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, in all of which careful watch was being kept for its appearance. Other plague-carriers may be discovered in the course of the war of extermination that has been stated against rats in the various cities, but in view of the strict quarantine that is being enforced against them on all vessels arriving from West Indian and South American ports there is small likelihood of any general spread of the infection or of its communication to human beings in any part of the country. The most striking feature of the announcement that the plague actually was at the doors of the country was that it created no public alarm or uneasiness. Twenty years ago, or even ten, there would have been very marked apprehension over such a situation. This changed attitude is due to the fact that medical research within the past two decades has identified the cause of the disease, has determined how it is transmitted, and, most important of all from the practical side, has shown how it can be controlled and prevented from spreading. When the plague was shrouded in mystery, when it traveled by unknown channels and struck without warning, when nobody knew how to avoid its scourge, the announcement of its approach caused a very panic of fear. Then Yersin and Kitasato discovered the micro-organism that is the causative agent of the disease. Simond and Verbitski traced its actual transmission in the bodies of rat fleas. Other workers, building upon the investigations of these pioneers, have demonstrated that the destruction of the rat that carries the flea that harbors the germ means the elimination of the disease itself. As a consequence of this gradually acquired knowledge, while we dread the plague no less than before, our chief concern upon its approach is that the machinery for preventing its spread shall be put promptly and effectively into operation. There can be no complaint on this score in the present instance.

Ship's Engineer's Death at Shanghai.
Mr. Frederick Williams, an Englishman, aged 56, engineer of the Kailan Administration company's steamer Kaiping died last week after a brief illness at the general hospital at Shanghai.

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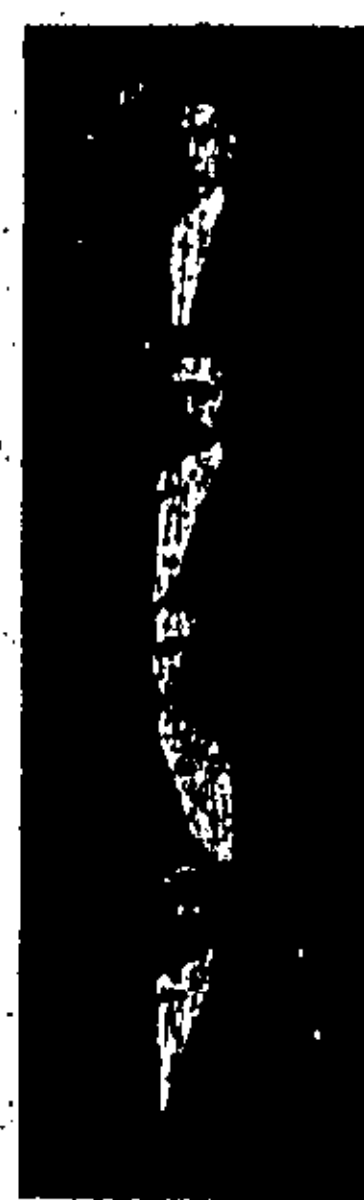
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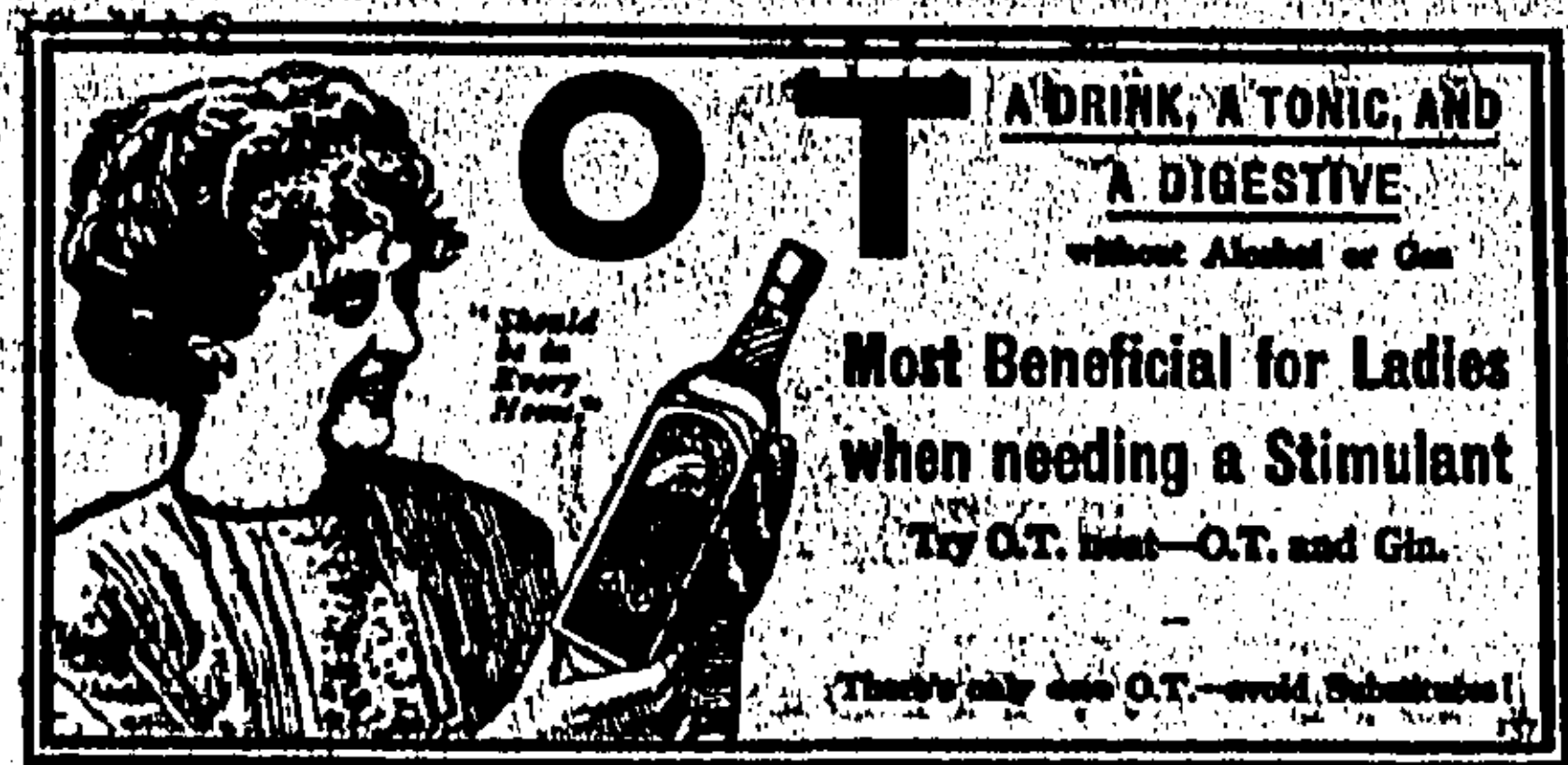
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DEAR FOOD AND TARIFFS.

Scarcely a day passes which does not record some fact or other pointing to the circumstance that the dear food cry is becoming general all over the world. We have seen how the workers of England are groaning under the burden, how sorely the pinch is being felt in Germany and even in the United States, while only a few days since the International Congress of Chambers of Commerce expressed itself in favour of a proposal to call an international conference to consider the causes of, and if possible to remedy, the marked tendency towards increased cost of living. In considering this question it has to be observed that the evil is making itself felt in other than Protectionist countries, for the case of Britain is especially pertinent. Hence the root cause is not to be sought in the Tariff, a point which merits greater notice than it is given. To that aspect of the subject we shall return later in the course of these observations.

The question of wages, of course, is closely wrapped up in this matter of the cost of living, for one naturally reacts on the other. It is not generally remembered, for instance, that increased wages contribute most materially towards higher prices of manufactured articles. But this is the case to so great an extent that the price of manufactured articles is determined principally by the wages paid in the cost of their making. And in this connection it is worth considering that, after all, food and most raw materials are, in a sense, manufactured articles, for coal and ore have to be dug out of the ground, corn has to be sown, harvested and transported, while cattle have to be raised, transported, and slaughtered; and all those activities involve payment of wages to workers. And the more wages paid and the lesser number of hours worked per man, the greater becomes the cost of production. To what degree the price of food has risen in recent years in Britain, to take an example, may be gleaned when it is pointed out that the price of bread rose by 14.8 per cent. in the decade ending 1910, sugar advanced by 24.3 per cent. in the same period, while the cost of bacon went up by no less than 28.9 per cent. These commodities, it is to be remembered, form the staple diet of the poorest of Britain's workers. And the worst feature about it all is that wages in the United Kingdom so far from advancing proportionately, have remained practically stationary. In contrast with this, wages in the United States have decidedly increased, though, of course, this has in turn contributed to the rise in the cost of living which is also apparent in America; as elsewhere.

Clearly, therefore the increased cost of living is due, at least in great part, to causes other than the tariff. The unfortunate thing is, however, that the average elector at Home will not study the question sufficiently to grasp this point. He sees a dear food problem in the countries which Tariff Reformers hold up for admiration; the most is made of the circumstances by politicians on the stump; and he declines to pursue the matter further. With the majority of voters of this type the prospects of the Unionist party at the next election are not too bright, if the party supports Mr. Bonar Law in his declaration that Tariff Reform must be the first item on the list. But the question will not be decided on its merits nevertheless. In any event, if Mr. Pike Pease is right and a pledge has been given to the King that Home Rule will be submitted to the country before it becomes law, Tariff Reform will not form a material plank in the Unionist platform until at least the next election has gone.

DAY BY DAY.

Trust neither the praise of a friend nor the censure of an enemy.

Signalling.

The Collective Test in Signalling of all British Units and H.K.S.B.R.G.A. will be held on Monday.

Station Leave.

Station leave has been granted to Lieuts. H. G. Paris and D. S. Dodgson, R.G.A. from 4th to 13th October.

H.E.'s Visit to Macao.

His Excellency the Governor leaves this afternoon by the s.s. Sai Tai to pay a formal visit to the Governor of Macao.

The s.s. Rubi.

The s.s. Rubi arrived from Manila to-day in charge of her new commander, Capt. J. Miller. She brought up 100 tons of general cargo.

Twelve Strokes.

A boy from Wanchai was sentenced to twelve strokes by Mr. O. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, to-day for stealing clothes valued \$3.

Kailan Mining Administration.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 21st Sept. amounted to 28,576 tons and the Sales during the period, to 19,031 tons.

"The Cook."

A musical play, entitled "The Cook," an idyll of the Peak, by Lieut. R. M. Crosse is to be given in the Theatre Royal on October 18 and 19. It is to be preceded by a grand variety entertainment.

Rating Reminder.

Owners and occupiers of tenements are reminded by the Treasury that rates for the four quarters of 1912 are payable in advance on or before the 31 October, 1912.

Alleged Wounding of Wife.

A man was remanded at the Police Court, this morning on a charge of cutting and wounding his wife by stabbing her at Wanchai. Inspector Molloy said the woman was in the hospital and would not be out for a week.

Embargo Removed.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that information has been received from the Government of Eastern Bengal and Assam to the effect that the quarantine restrictions imposed against the port of Hongkong have been withdrawn.

Hongkong Christian Union.

The first meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union, for the season, will take place Monday next at St. Paul's College at 5.30 p.m. Rev. H. R. Wells who leaves the Colony on the 8th inst. has kindly consented to conduct the meeting.

"At Home."

To-day being the second anniversary of the establishment of a republic in Portugal the Portuguese consul Mr. J. J. Leiria was at Home at the consulate this morning. There was a good number of callers to congratulate the consul and accept of the hospitality that was dispensed.

Covered with Blood.

It is alleged that five or six men attacked a youth in a shop in Gilman Street this morning with knives and after stabbing him and holding him up relieved him of \$1,050, and making down to the wharf, got away in a sampan. The unfortunate man was covered with blood when he arrived at the Police Station though his injuries are not very serious.

Tenders

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Catholic Out-door Procession.

To-morrow being Rosary Sunday, there will be an open air procession at Kowloon, in honour of the Blessed Virgin. The Procession will leave the Church of the Holy Rosary, Chatham Road, at 5 p.m., and will be accompanied by the band of the Philharmonia. After the procession Father Gabardi will preach, and the festivities will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

VICTORIA GAOL.

STARTLING ALLEGATIONS FROM RELIABLE SOURCE.

Warders Dissatisfied and Staff Changes Fairly Common.

Some startling information regarding the state of matters in Victoria Gaol has reached us from a well informed and reliable source. About the beginning of last month two warders ran away from the gaol. One had done some eight months service and the other was a warder of about two years experience. The latter was all the more useful, an official in respect that he had secured a second-class certificate for spoken Cantonese and, in addition, was studying the written language; in fact, was a useful Government servant who promised to do well in the service. The fact that these men have deserted points to something at fault in the system at work in the gaol as it affects warders.

The Chief Grievance.

If our information is correct—and we have no reason to doubt it—there are deep-rooted grievances amongst the warder in the gaol. The chief is that the staff is inadequate, and from this fact spring other causes of discontent.

There are in the gaol, one chief warder, three principal warders and sixteen ordinary warders on the disciplinary staff. On the hospital staff are:—one warder, two Indian warders, and about 50 assistant warder and guards—all Indians. The Europeans officers are held responsible for the supervision of the Indian warders, and guards and, since the latter are not instructed as to the rules and regulations regarding the care and conduct of prisoners, it is claimed that this throws an added, and an unfair, responsibility upon the European officers who are, in consequence, more discontented than they should be, or would be if matters were fairly adjusted.

Work Too Hard.

The work of the European officers is too hard at the best, and when a warder is taken to hospital or is granted leave duties must be performed by the remaining warders who have sufficient to do in ordinary circumstances and who, in a case of this kind, suffer the great inconvenience of irregular meal hours. They are, in point of fact, forced to snatch their meals as best they can.

As indicative of the deep-seated discontent and as a proof that all is not as it should be, it is stated that during the past few years, there have been between 50 and 60 resignations, dismissals, and desertions from the staff of warders to say nothing of the Indians who have left.

The warder's hours are long. He starts work at 5.30 a.m. and 6.15 a.m. and finishes at 6 p.m. and 5 p.m. on alternate days. His meal times on these days last about 3.1-4 hours and 2½ hours respectively. He gets one Sunday off in two and each alternate Saturday afternoon. For this he may receive anything from about \$80 to \$130 a month according to length of service. We have before us as we write a copy of the prison regulations obtaining at Home, and taking these as a standard, it is clear that there is reason for the continued and deep-seated discontent which prevails.

Not so long ago a prisoner escaped from the gaol, was recaptured, and tried at the Supreme Court. In his evidence, given there, the Chief Warder stated that the man escaped by means of the window after prizing open the bars. But how did he force open the bars? And with what? And from whence came the instrument which permitted of his forcing them? And how did he find the time and yet escape observation?

These are pertinent questions, to which answers are necessary. Was the escape wholly due to negligence on the part of any one warder?

Will it be believed, that the conditions obtaining in the prison are at times insanitary to a degree? From Saturday at 11 a.m. till Monday morning prisoners are free from work. At that hour they are retired to their cells—and there may be three or more in a cell. At 11 a.m. on Saturday the sanitary bucket is

placed in the cell and is not removed until 6 a.m. on Sunday. It is there emptied and replaced, and it remains in the cell until 5.30 a.m. on Monday. How unhealthy that is for prisoners can readily be imagined, nor is it greatly better for warders who have to supervise the removal and emptying of these buckets. On no score can such a state of matters be justified. In the present state of things, with gaol accommodation limited, the overcrowding may be unavoidable, but there is no excuse for positive uncleanness in respect of sanitary buckets. Each prisoner, not European, is allowed two pieces of sanitary paper daily? European prisoners are allowed four pieces, but that is a concession recently granted. We understand that they are about 6 inches by 4 in size, are thin almost to transparency, and form an excellent example of ridiculous economy.

Two more points:—Is it true that, when a recent prisoner who escaped from the Civil Hospital, was removed there, there was plenty of room for him in the prison hospital? Is it true, again, that old kerosene tins are collected in all Government departments and made into dishes in which prison food is served? If these questions are answered—and perhaps if they are not—we may ask a few more.

SOLDIER'S STRANGE ACTION.

A soldier of the K.O.Y.L.I. who was undergoing a musketry course at Kowloon with his detachment, left his detachment this morning and came to Hongkong with cartridge belt and bayonet. At about 11.45 a.m. he entered the shop belonging to Wong Hing, jewellers, Queen's Road, walked up to the counter on the right, which contains glass show cases, and drove his bayonet into one of the cases. He seized a gold watch, which was being repaired, and walked out. He proceeded down Pedder Street and accosted a constable on duty in front of the Hongkong Hotel. He asked to the arrested, at the same time displaying the watch with remark, "Look me up—I have stolen this watch." His request was promptly gratified and he was taken to the Police Station and there awaits a military escort.

PROSPECTS OF BASEBALL IN THE COLONY.

The two greatest baseball teams of the United States are about to start on a tour of the world, playing exhibition games, and games at any port where a team can be got together to meet them.

To Americans familiar with national game, the names of "The Giants" (National League), and the "Boston" (American League) will at once convey pleasurable anticipations.

These two teams have scheduled Hongkong as one of their "ports-of-call," and it is to be hoped that the citizens of the United States now resident in Hongkong, will "get together" and organize a team, so that the veterans of many "diamonds" will be able to play their own countrymen, far from the Polo Grounds as they are!

We understand that many Americans here who are keen to organize such a team, are only too willing and glad to practice regularly, in short to do all that lies within their power to give the visitors "of their best."

The U.S.S. "Wilmington" has a number of good ball players, and from the Standard Oil Company many more are eager to "get into the game."

Doubleless grounds for practice will be offered by one or more of the Recreation Clubs, as the Briton is first and foremost a good sportsman, and although baseball is not his game, still he would do all that lies in his way to help on the sport of England's greatest friend.—America.

The Y.M.C.A. too, should develop some excellent material, and by dint of "getting together" the Americans here should be able to give a very creditable exhibition game against the visiting teams.

Lusitano Club.

This evening the Lusitano Club are giving a dance in commemoration of the second anniversary of the establishment of the Portuguese Republic.

PLEA FOR LENIENCY.

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. O. D. Melbourne, Herbert D. Haynor, of Messrs. Clark and Co., charged a man with receiving money under false pretences.

The complainant said that prisoner was formerly in his employ for about a year, but he was discharged about four months ago because he was rather lazy. At that time the prisoner was not dishonest. During the last three months, however, he had been missing amounts and, on several occasions when he sent the shroff to present an account, he would state that the amount had been paid and receipts shown bearing the name of the firm.

On Thursday prisoner went to Mr. Pories, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph office, and collected \$6. He then went to the office of Messrs. Showan Tomes, and was told to call the next day. Half an hour afterwards complainant's shroff called at Messrs. Showan Tomes' office and was told that he had been asked to call on the following day. The shroff pointed out that he had not previously called, and complainant then went to Messrs. Showan Tomes and requested them to send for him if the man who called to collect the account returned. When the prisoner called next day, complainant was sent for and prisoner was arrested.

Complainant further stated that he could prove six charges against the prisoner similar to this one, and also one of forgery, for he had forged his shroff's name, but he did not wish to press those charges as the prisoner was young, and complainant did not wish to punish him too much. He would ask his Worship if it was not too presumptuous, to deal leniently with the prisoner. Perhaps a few strokes would deter him from returning to this kind of life.

Prisoner was sentenced to one month's hard labour, and four hours' stocks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK.

The New Compradore.

As was announced yesterday, Mr. Ho Sai Wing has been appointed Compradore of the Hongkong Banking Corporation in place of Lau Pan Chiu, who is missing. Mr. Ho Wing is the son of Mr. Ho Tung and is twenty-nine years of age. He was educated at Queen's College and after spending about a year in travel, most of which was spent in England, he returned to Hongkong and became compradore to Messrs. E. D. Sassoon and Co., with whom he has been for the last five years. During that time he has also been assisting Mr. Ho Fook, the compradore of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.

SEPTEMBER WEATHER.

Extracts from meteorological observations made at the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, during the month of September show that the average mean temperature was 79.6, the average maximum 85.5 and the average minimum 75.5. The highest temperature recorded was 92.5, on the 10th, and the lowest 68, on the 17th. The mean humidity for the month was 71.

Sunshine was recorded on every day of the month with the exception of the 17th and 20th, there being eight days when more than ten hours were recorded. The total number of hours' sunshine was 220.6.

Although rain fell on eleven days, one ten of these the rainfall was less than an inch. The total rainfall was 3.88, inches. The average barometer reading was 29.82.

SOLDIER CHARGED WITH MURDER.

At the Police Court, this morning before Mr. O. D. Melbourne, Sarfaraz Khan, a private in the 128th. Baluchistan Regiment, was remanded on a charge of killing and slaying another private at the camp at Sha Kong Miu on the 28th ult. Prisoner pleaded guilty. Inspector Kerr asked for the record.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Hongkong and Aviation.

The refusal to permit an aviator to fly over the Colony was not, we may safely assume, made lightly; and recent regulations, which make it necessary to secure the Governor's consent in writing in order to fly here, explain the action of the authorities. The spirit which prompted it, however, is surely somewhat un-British. We have always prided ourselves upon our openness, our contempt for passports and other careful measures adopted by certain nations. Perhaps, indeed, Britons have been too carelessly open in the past, though no great harm appears ever to have been done—but, in any case, secrecy and (shall we say?) timorousness of this kind come awkwardly from us.

What would Happen.

A note in this paper yesterday asked what would happen if the aviator were accidentally blown over the harbour. Perhaps the same that happened to the miner's pigeon which he carried to a certain town on a Sunday in order that it should fly home. A policeman advised him that a local bye-law prohibited birds from flying there on a Sunday. He addressed the bird solemnly, "Ye're not to fly," said he, "so ye mun walk home." And he set it down. Nothing happened to the bird, for the sufficient reason that it was not caught. And, as between an aviator and, say, a chasing policeman, the odds are on the man in the air.

Mr. Roosevelt's Daughter.

It is rumoured in New York that Mr. Nicholas Longworth, who, some few years back, married Miss Alice Roosevelt, may succeed Mr. Whitelaw Reid as Ambassador to the Court of King George. With an amiable—and tasteful—frankness, an American newspaper observes: "It would be interesting to note just how old-fashioned Queen Mary, with her straight (sic) laced ideas, would think of unconventional Mrs. Longworth and her up-to-the-minute ways." With all deference to our more frisky than grammatical contemporary, we would suggest that, should Mrs. Longworth go to the Court of St. James she will quickly discover that an American ambassador must conform, as fully as any other, to accepted Court traditions. True, Queen Mary is "old-fashioned"; it is a term not infrequently applied to those who cherish an ignorant preference for a ladylike self-restraint, and a rooted objection to such Washington ways as may merit the designation of "up-to-the-minute." The rumour itself is, however, apparently not too well founded; for a New York journal has stated quite recently that Mr. Roosevelt has given instructions to the progressives in Mr. Longworth's State to support the latter's opponent in the congressional election.

The Bathing Places Scheme.

Has been set aside in the Budget for 1913 for the provision of public bathing places at the western and eastern ends of the island of Hongkong is most gratifying to those who revel in sea bathing but who cannot afford the luxury of auspicious trips. At both ends of the city there are ideal little strips of foreshore which will make splendid bathing spots. It is intended, we note, to erect sheds for the accommodation of bathers, but no indication is forthcoming as to whether the public will be charged for the use thereof, or whether these sheds will be of such a nature as to provide absolute privacy to those using them. Would it not be better to instal a number of bathing machines of the type seen at Home? The concession could then be let out and the lessee permitted to make a small charge. Or, if it is intended that the pleasure should be open to bathers free of charge, the present plan could go forward but be supplemented by bathing machines for those who prefer them and who would not object to paying a small fee. All classes would then be catered for, and moreover the bathers would present an appearance more in keeping with the Home style.

"OUR BURGLAR."**ESCAPED FROM PRISON AT 4 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.****"STONE WALLS DO NOT A PRISON MAKE."**

—Not when a man digs a hole in them, as was done this morning. The Peak burglar has escaped. He stole away from prison about four o'clock this morning, and the Police are now anxiously inquiring after him. They tried to look unaccounted, early to-day, and as though nothing out of the common had happened, but there was an air of excitement abroad that could not be concealed. Indeed, before the morning was over, Sergeant Adlington had to admit that "things were upside down."

The police were not disposed to give any information regarding the matter. The inspector on duty in the charge room, filed folio after folio with charges, and officers flitted about from the offices of the chiefs to the telephone room, and backwards and forwards with suspicious regularity.

"Did he leave any message?" the inspector was asked jocularly. The official smiled when he said "who?" but would not commit himself.

It was not from this source that we were informed of the facts of the case.

It appears that from dark yesterday, the escaped man, who was awaiting his trial at the sessions for burglaries to which he had pleaded guilty and charges to which he had pleaded not guilty, was very busy on the Northern wall of the goal with some instrument or other which possessed extraordinary powers of excavation. In the night and the dark hours of the early morning he pecked and bored away at the wall which is at least two feet in thickness, until he succeeded in making an aperture that led on to the European cook-house of the police compound. Dawn was very near when he had completed his task and knowing, it may safely be assumed, the time at which the night men are relieved by the day staff, he evidently decided it would be fatal to delay his departure a moment later. About four o'clock he said good-bye to his "plank" and inhaled the fresh breezes from the Peak, a glance at that quarter must have caused him amusing reflections.

The fact that the wall was so thick gives rise to the suspicion that the burglar must have had inside assistance.

Later in the morning Sergeant Adlington had to mention the matter to Mr. Irving. His worship asked if a certain man who was charged before him had any previous convictions and the Sergeant replied that he had, but the delay in getting the information the Bench required was in consequence of the turmoil in the office in consequence of getting out descriptions concerning the escaped burglar. "Things are upside down," said the officer, and his worship smiled.

Another story states that the man escaped from the goal over the wall into the compound of the Police Station, over the latrine at the back of the charge room a place he would be able fully to size up whilst standing in the dock when brought before Mr. E. A. Irving to stand his trial. From the dock he would be able to make a useful mental note of the possibilities of escape by the wall behind the charge room. On examination of the wall it is, however, difficult to conceive how he could have reached the ground without causing such injuries to himself as would prevent him from getting clear of the compound. Then, again, it is stated that a European sergeant was sitting out in the compound all the night and he would have seen him if he had endeavored to get clear of the walls of the compound.

From one who is well informed we have it that he made his escape from the cell by digging a hole through the wall but it is a matter of conjecture how he made complete his escape. It is also stated that he worked on the wall with an iron bar and that, as he removed the bricks and mortar from the wall, he covered them up with his blanket that lay across his plank. When he was told, on being arrested, that he would not be free again for ten years he is alleged to have remarked "miskeo."

At the time he escaped he was undergoing a sentence of twelve months meted out to him by Mr. Irving for returning from banishment, and was also awaiting trial at the Criminal Sessions for burglary.

It is also stated that one of the principal witnesses against the man, when told that he had escaped, said "I am glad" and said that he did not want to waste his time going to the Court to give evidence.

The man is still at large and, though there are any number of police on his track, it is hardly likely that one who has been so ingenious as to escape in the manner that he did will be brought to book as quickly as some of the officials expect.

Mr. King, assistant Superintendent of Police, when asked if he had anything official to communicate in connection with the escaped Peak burglar said "It is common property that he has escaped from goal, but we cannot say how or when."

Convicted Many Times. We are informed that the prisoner, who bears several aliases has already been convicted many times. In fact, since 1903 he has been convicted nine times and in the case of eight of these the sentence entailed banishment. Either in 1903 or 1910 he escaped from prison while undergoing sentence and subsequently he was captured for that offence and sent to prison for six months with the attendant sentence of banishment.

The first conviction which he sustained was for entering and since then he has been dealt with three times on charges of stealing and the rest for offences under the banishment ordinance. In the period of nine years under review he has spent six years and six months in prison while under the banishment orders he appears to have been away for one and a half years, assuming that he left the colony after each liberation and returned only shortly before his next capture.

On the last occasion he was sentenced, he was banished presumably for five years at the least. That was as recently as May 21, and yet we find him stealing again as early as July. To many it appears that the banishment sentences are not so effective as could be wished.

To be Struck Off. It is notified in the Government Gazette that at the expiration of three months, Dunning and Company, Limited, registered on the 10th July last, will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the Register and the Company will be dissolved.

His Excellency's A.D.C. His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant Francis John Wyley, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, to be his Aide-de-Camp, with effect from the 18th September, 1912.

New Volunteer Lieutenant. His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Robert Hall to be Lieutenant in the Engineer Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, with effect from the 25th instant.

Ordinances Approved. His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—An Ordinance to amend the Larceny Ordinance, 1895; An Ordinance for the further relief of Inspectors; An Ordinance further to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890; An Ordinance to extend the power of Revenue Officers to arrest without warrant; An Ordinance to amend the Post Office Ordinance, 1900.

Ceiling Bye-laws. The new bye-laws respecting the removal of ceilings, stair-linings &c., which were given in full in the "Telegraph" of August 28th last, have now been finally approved by the Legislative Council and appear in the current "Government Gazette."

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The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The directors' report and accounts, together with the auditors' certificate having been in your hands for some time, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

There is very little I can say that is not contained in the report. The trees appear to be coming on as well as can be expected and they are practically free from disease, and the estate has been brought to its present stage at a reasonable cost. The health of the people on the estate is also satisfactory.

The negotiations for the sale of the Company's property and assets to a London Company were not carried very far as the offer made was, in the opinion of your directors and the Sumatra shareholders, not nearly good enough. By calling up the balance of the capital we expect to complete the development of the estate and keep the whole of it in our own hands, whereas by accepting the London offer we should have parted with half our interest and the estate would not have been any better off; in fact, the expenses of management would have been far heavier. If any shareholder desire to ask any questions I shall be pleased to answer them to the best of my ability.

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Unplanted area of 500 acres.—375 acres have been felled of which the Malays have partially cleared and are planting in paddy some 300 acres. There are now 125 acres standing in jungle, most of which is only secondary growth and therefore easy to cut and clear. All this will be felled before the end of the year.

Labour.—Contract Javanese men, 308; women, 87; Free bandieries and Malay paddy planters, 70; total 465. The amount of contract labour should be sufficient to bring the 1533 acres into bearing, but when tapping really commences on a large scale in beginning of 1914, another 100 men must be obtained, and it would be better to obtain them early in 1913 in order to train them and have a good supply of skilled labour on the estate when tapping becomes heavy.

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After September, when the coconut cultivation is finished, it is intended to deepen all the old drains and also to make some new drains in this first cultivation of 700 acres, and then to dig the ground to within 3½ ft. of each tree to a depth of 15 feet. There is no doubt that a more extensive system of soil cultivation will greatly increase and quicken the growth of the cultivation, and enable us to tap towards the latter half of 1913 or more especially the first half of 1914 a very much larger percentage of trees. The 3½ ft. round the trees will be forked so as not to damage the roots.

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ANOTHER BURGLARY

Bowen Road Filter Beds.

This time it was perpetrated by three men. Mr. Ross, who is the Superintendent of the Water Filter Works on Bowen Road, is the victim, he says:

"I was out for the evening, and returned at half past twelve; everything was as it should, be as to which far as I could see."

"As I was going to bed I heard a strange noise, and by a 'strange noise' I mean one that I am not accustomed to."

"Out I went, half dressed, to see if anything had happened to the filters. Everything seemed quiet and I went back to bed. The next thing that I heard was a crash of glass. I jumped up and ran downstairs, little thinking that I should find anyone in the house. The next thing that I heard were two shots in rapid succession, and the yelps of one of my favourite dogs."

Showing the dining room to a representative of the "Telegraph," Mr. Ross said:

"When I came in, there were three of the scoundrels helping themselves to my silver and pewter ware! They had cut out a pane of the window so that they might lift the sash to gain entrance."

"The instant that they saw me they ran like rabbits, and I ran for my shot-gun. It was only loaded with No. 6's—to be sure—but I peppered one of the thieves just as he was turning the corner 'here!' (Mr. Ross showed the place, and there are blood sports visible.)"

Continuing Mr. Ross said:

"The thief dropped his loot and screamed terribly. I only hope that I have at least cured him of his thievery!"

"My loss is one silver tea set, part of one pewter set, and a silver cigar box. Several other pieces were found where the wounded man dropped them."

Mr. Ross adds that he blew vigorously on his police whistle, and that although two distinct and separate shots were fired, he could get no answering blast.

"What is the use?" Mr. Ross added,—"a man might be robbed, killed and buried in this part of the world, and no-one be the wiser!"

Sergeants Murphy and Grant are on the case, but it is understood that, so far, they have been unable to obtain any clues as to the robbers.

Today's Advertisement

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"DILWARA." Captain W. J. Bishop, will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY, the 12th inst., at 1 p.m.

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The steamers leave about every 2 weeks for Shanghai and Kobe (Inland Sea), returning via Moji, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan.

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GUTHRIE	11th Oct.	18th Oct.
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SHANGHAI	HANGSANG	Sunday, 13th Oct. 10 P.M.
TIENTSIN	CHIPSING	Wednesday, 20th Oct. Noon.

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LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	DEN OF GLAMIS	28th Oct.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DENBIGHSHIRE	27th Oct.
LONDON & ANTWERP	FLINTSHIRE	14th Nov.

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will depart from the Company's WING LOK WHARF at 9 A.M. Departure from Macao at 5 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 12.30 P.M., from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

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Destination	Steamers and Displacement	Sailing Dates
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ & PORT SAID	HITACHI MARU, Capt. T. Yamawaki, T. 18,000	WEDNESDAY, 9th Oct., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via KURE, OSAKA, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, SHIMIZU & YAMATO	SAWA MARU, Capt. Shimizu, T. 12,500 SADO MARU, Capt. Asakawa, T. 12,500	TUESDAY, 8th Oct., at Noon. TUESDAY, 22nd Oct., at Noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sakino, T. 7,000 NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, T. 9,600	FRIDAY, 25th Oct., at Noon. FRIDAY, 2nd Nov., at Noon.
BOMBAY & SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	KAMAKURA MARU, Capt. Mori, T. 12,500	MONDAY, 14th October.
CALCUTTA & SINGAPORE via SINGAPORE PENANG & RANGOON	COLOMBO MARU, Capt. Kamoshita, T. 5,000	SATURDAY, 5th Oct. at 10 A.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	IVO MARU, Capt. R. Takeda, T. 12,500	THURSDAY, 9th Oct., at 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI & MOJI & KOBE	KAWACHI MARU, Capt. A. Christensen, T. 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 9th October.
N'SAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, T. 9,600	WEDNESDAY, 28th Oct., at Noon.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers	To SAIL
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SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	5th " M'night.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	8th " 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	10th " 4 P.M.
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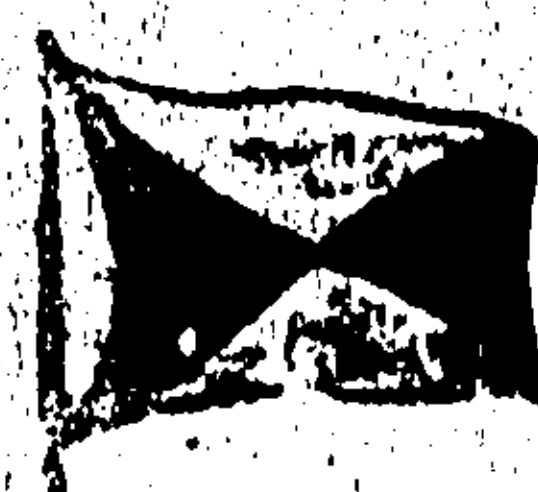
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RUBI	4000	Miller	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	TUESDAY, 8th Oct., 4 P.M.
ZAFIRO	4000	Uose	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	FRIDAY, 18th Oct., 4 P.M.

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Tjikini	JAVA	1st half Oct.	SHANGHAI	1st half Oct.
Tjipanas	JAVA	1st half Oct.	SHANGHAI	1st half Oct.
Tjimanock	JAPAN	1st half Oct.	JAVA	1st half Oct.
Tjilatap	JAVA	2nd half Oct.	JAPAN	2nd half Oct.
Tjilwong	JAVA	2nd half Oct.	JAPAN	2nd half Oct.
Tjibodas	JAVA	2nd half Oct.	SHANGHAI	1st half Nov.
Tjitaroom	JAPAN	1st half Nov.	JAVA	1st half Nov.
Tjimahi	JAVA	1st half Nov.	SHANGHAI	1st half Nov.

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Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	11,000	W. W. Green	Oct. 8th, Noon.
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	21,000	A. G. Stevens	Oct. 29th, Noon.
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	Nov. 5th, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. S. Smith	Nov. 26th, Noon.

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screw. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office.

The steamer "Chiyo Maru" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 8th Oct., at Noon.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The twin screw steamer "Nippon Maru" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 29th October, at Noon.

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Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing
Bayo Maru	10,500	Friday, October 4, Noon.
Hongkong Maru	11,000	Tuesday, December 8, Noon.
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Saturday, February 1, 1913.

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Steamers	Tons	Starting	Oct.	16th	at 1 p.m.
Mongolia	27,000	"	Oct.	23rd	at 1 p.m.
Persia	9,000	"	Nov.	12th	at 1 p.m.
Korea	18,000	"	Nov.	19th	at 1 p.m.
Siberia	18,000	"	Dec.	3rd	at 1 p.m.
China	10,200	"	Dec.	10th	at 1 p.m.
Manchuria	27,000	"	Oct.	1st	at 1 p.m.

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LOG BOOK.

Another New P. & O. Steamer.

The P. & O. Company's new ly-projected steamer for the India mail and passengers service will be named "Kaiser-i-Hind" and while she will follow the general plan of the recent steamers of the "M" class, her internal design will embody a further development of this favourite type.

The Messageries Maritimes. The arbitrators who were appointed by the French Government to decide the points in dispute between the Naval Reservists and the Messageries Maritimes Company have declared that the company is not obliged to raise the rate of wages of the crew.

O.S.K.

The O.S.K. liner Tainan Maru, which was placed under detention at Osaka owing to the outbreak of cholera on board, was released from detention on September 24, and sailed therefrom for Dairen the next day. The s.s. Taishu Maru, sister ship to the Tainan Maru, which has been under detention at Dairen, owing to the discovery of cholera, was to be released at 1 p.m. on September 28 and was scheduled to leave Dairen at 3 p.m. next Sunday.

British shipping at Nagasaki during 1911 shows a decrease for the year of six vessels and 9,575 tons. The loss during the year of two vessels on the Hongkong-San Francisco and Hongkong-Vancouver runs, which formerly called regularly at that port, and had not been replaced by the close of 1911, more than accounts for this decrease. Japanese shipping at Nagasaki shows an increase of 58 vessels and 138,605 tons over that for 1910, while German shipping shows a decrease of 29 vessels and 134,584 tons, due to the fact that the mail steamers of the North German Lloyd now call at Nagasaki and Tsingtau alternately, both on outward and homeward voyages, instead of at Nagasaki at every trip as heretofore. Russian shipping, consisting chiefly of vessels of the Volunteer Fleet, shows an increase of 19 vessels and 140,560 tons, the total shipping of the port giving an increase of 42 vessels and 30,203 tons over the figures for 1910. The total British shipping of Nagasaki, Karatsu, and Kuchino, for 1911 was 343 vessels and 1,120,041 tons, an increase over 1910 of 30 vessels and 95,807 tons.

High Shipping Freights.

An interesting point has arisen in connection with the present inability of shipbuilders to supply vessels, says the "Times," and particularly oil-tank steamers quickly enough to suit owners. All classes of steamers are now urgently needed to carry the world's crops, rates which are admitted by experienced owners to be extraordinarily high are being paid, and there appears to be no indication of any falling off in activity. Keen, however, as is the demand for ordinary cargo steamers, the demand for oil-tank vessels is still greater, and it has now occurred to certain firms that while they are waiting two or three years for the delivery of new ships, they might by the exercise of some ingenuity adapt ordinary cargo vessels to their purpose. This they propose to do by fitting the holds of ordinary vessels with a number of cylinders of different sizes into which the oil could be poured.

Probably there has never before been a time when freights were so uniformly good. There have been periods when particular trades gave fine results, but to-day in practically every route rates are very firm. Higher prices are now being paid to bring maize from Argentina than have ever before been recorded; the cotton shipping season, which opened on September 1, has started extremely well; grain is being brought from the Pacific Coast of North America, at rates which are approaching double what were accepted a year ago; chartering for grain from the Sea of Azoff, which owing to fears respecting the Dardanelles was recently quiet, has become much firmer during the past few days; and for distant dates India and Australia are taking tonnage on terms admitted by owners to be excellent. So firmly, in fact, are owners now standing out for good terms that chartering is often very difficult to do.

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"LIBERIA".....7th Nov.
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S.S. BELGRAVIA.....5th Oct.
For Havre, Rotterdam & Hamburg:
S.S. O. J. D. AHLERS.....29th Oct.
For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:
S.S. C. F. LAELSZ.....23rd Oct.
For Marseilles, Hamburg & Ant.
S.S. ST. ELIZA.....25th Oct.
For Marseilles, Rotterdam & Hamburg:
S. S. SACHSEN.....30th Oct.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie,
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LOG BOOK.

America wants more Battleships.

Washington, September 30.—The General Board is not willing to accept as final the compromise one battleship appropriation and has prepared a strong recommendation which will be presented when Congress convenes in December for a special appropriation for four additional battleships and two armored cruisers. This report will be submitted to the Secretary of the Navy for transmission to Congress, and will be the basis of the renewed fight for more battleships which was anticipated when Congress voted for but one ship for present fiscal year.

Far Eastern Vessel in Collision.
The str. Queen Alexandra, from New York August 7, was in collision outside Gibraltar on August 23 with the str. Corona. Both vessels were considerably damaged above says the "N. China Daily News," the water line and put into Gibraltar for temporary repairs. These will cost the Corona £505 and the Queen Alexandra £535. The repairs were put in hand on August 29 and were expected to be completed within about ten days. The latter vessel passed through the Suez Canal on the 10th ultimo.

CHINA COAST GAZETTE.

Mr. J. McN. Thomson, chief officer, Kwongsang, is on leave.
Mr. W. Moore, supercargo, Taising, has gone second officer, Suifu.

Mr. E. B. Smith, second officer, Suifu, has gone noting chief officer, Kwongsang.

Mr. J. Tate, chief officer, Suifu, is on leave.

Mr. B. A. Thompson, from leave, has gone chief officer, Kwonglin.

Mr. O. A. Lovogrove, chief officer, Kwonglin, is on leave.

Mr. H. G. Ramsay, second engineer, Yingchow, has gone second engineer, Shengking.

Mr. P. M. Marshall, second engineer, Shengking, has gone second engineer, Yingchow.

Mr. R. H. Jensen, from reserve, has gone second officer, Taitung.

Mr. J. Chambers, second officer, Taitung, is on leave.

Mr. J. R. Shearer, chief officer, Wenchow, has gone chief officer, Yingchow.

Mr. J. W. Harding, chief officer, Yingchow, is awaiting orders.

Mr. J. J. Brooks, fourth engineer, Luenyi, has gone noting third engineer, same ship.

Mr. E. J. Cain, from leave, has gone chief officer, Hoihow.

Mr. W. E. Lamb, chief officer, Hoihow, has gone chief officer, Wenchow.

Mr. R. Allan, second engineer, Tamsui, is on leave.

Mr. J. T. Naylor, second officer, Hoihow, is awaiting orders.

Mr. E. P. Wright, from reserve, has gone second officer, Hoihow.

Mr. J. Mathias, from leave, has gone supercargo, chief officer, Hain Peking.

Mr. W. S. Shih, third engineer, Luenyi, has gone noting second engineer, Tamsui.

Mr. J. Dyson, has been appointed holding fourth engineer, Luenyi.

VESSELS TAKING CARGO.

European Ports.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Dispatched.
London, &c.	China	P. & O. Co.	12 October
London and Antwerp	Den of Glamis	J. M. & Co.	23 October
Havre and Antwerp	Spezia	H. A. L.	28 October
Havre and Hamburg	Arandia	H. A. L.	3 November
Havre and Hamburg, &c.	O. J. D. Ahlers	H. A. L.	9 October
Havre, Bremen &c.	O. Ferd. Lacz	H. A. L.	23 October
Marseilles, &c.	Sachsen	H. A. L.	30 October
do	Sydney	M. M. Co.	8 October
do	Hinachi Maru	N. Y. K.	9 October
Trieste, &c.	Koerber	S. W. & Co.	10 October
Glasgow and Hull	Glanchoy	S. T. & Co.	15 October
Cape Ports via Mauritius	Daneric	Bank Line	Begin January
Naples, Gibraltar, Southampton, &c.	Buelow	M. & Co.	10 October

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

New York	Pathan	D. & Co.	8 October
Boston and New York	Jeserio	A. K. & Co.	26 October
San Francisco	Nile	P. M. Co.	15 October
San Francisco, &c.	Chiyo Maru	T. K. K.	8 October
San Francisco via Koolung and Japan, &c.	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	23 October
Victoria, B.O.	Panama Maru	O. S. K.	15 October
do	Awa Maru	N. Y. K.	8 October
Vancouver	Empress of India	O. P. L. Co.	20 October
Vancouver, &c.	Lord Curzon	Bank Line	20 November
Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan	Hongkong Maru	T. K. K.	3 December

Australia.

Australian Ports	St. Albans	G. L. & Co.	12 October
do	Yawata Maru	N. Y. K.	25 October
Australian Ports via Manila	Guthrie	B. & S.	18 September

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroom	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Philippines	Rubi	S. T. & Co.	8 October
do	Katlong	B. & S.	8 October
Bombay	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	18 October
Bombay and Straits	Iachia	O. & Co.	12 October
Singapore and Sourabaya	Kawakura Maru	N. Y. K.	14 October
Straits and India	Chungsang	J. M. & Co.	8 October
Straits and Rangoon	Gregory Apar	D. S. & Co.	12 October
Kudat and Sandakan	Okara	J. M. & Co.	14 October
Japan	Borneo	M. & Co.	Middle October
do	Peking	A. N. & Co.	23 October
do	Arratoon Apar	D. S. & Co.	19 October
do	Iyo Maru	N. Y. K.	9 October
do	Nikko Maru	N. Y. K.	23 October
do	Tjikini	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Scandia	H. A. L.	13 October
do	Bayern	H. A. L.	17 October
do	Liberta	H. A. L.	7 November
Yokohama and Kobe	Alesia	H. A. L.	19 November
do	Futaba	J. M. & Co.	10 October
do	Coblentz	M. & Co.	15 October, about
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	E. F. Ferdinand	S. W. & Co.	31 October, about
Amoy, &c.	Sosho Maru	O. S. K.	20 October
Swatow and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	8 October
do	Haikyang	D. L. & Co.	11 October
Tamsui, Swatow &c.	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	9 October
Haiphong	Daigi Maru	O. S. K.	6 October
Kwangchow-wang and Haiphong	Sungkiang	B. & S.	6 October
Manila	Si-Kiang	M. M. Co.	9 October
Shanghai via Swatow and Foochow	Yuensang	J. M. & Co.	12 October
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Wingsang	J. M. & Co.	8 October
Shanghai and Japan	Kawachi Maru	N. Y. K.	9 October
do	Magellan	M. M. Co.	7 October
Shanghai and Kobe	Kawachi Maru	N. Y. K.	9 October
Shanghai, Kobe, &c.	Tosa Maru	N. Y. K.	14 October
Shanghai	Flintshire	J. M. & Co.	11 October
do	Delta	H. A. L.	10 October
do	Chinhua	P. & O. Co.	10 October
do	Anhui	B. & S.	10 October
do	Tjipanas	B. & S.	12 October
do		J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch

LOCAL SPORT

Bowls Handicap.

The Bowls Handicap, that is being played under the auspices of the C. S. C. on their grounds, bids fair to exceed in interest anything that has been held before.

The Distillers Company, Ltd. of Edinburgh offer a very handsome first prize in the shape of a magnificent set of bowls in a leather case. The second and third prizes will be paid out of the entrance fee,—that is \$1.00.

There is much speculation as to who will eventually win of these players:

O. Bond—scratch; W. Higby
S. J. Wheel—scratch; J. McIver
—scratch; E. W. Danson
—scratch; A. M. Thornhill—scratch;
H. Langdon 7; A. Harrison 6;
R. O. Barlow 7; A. Hamilton 7;
J. McKay—scratch; A. G. Pils
—scratch; P. Heathcoat 5; W.
Finch—scratch; T. Pitt
—scratch; J. M. Irving 3; Phillip 6;
H. March 1; Y. Fisher
—scratch; A. Wibley 1; O. W.
Brett 5; W. Gregory 5; W.
Bishop 1.

As the best players in the Colony are entered the competition will be a very keen one.

To Sail

THE AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR BOSTON & NEW YORK via
SUZ CANAL.
(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.)

THE Steamship
"JESERIC"
Captain White, will be despatched as
above on SATURDAY, the 26th
October.

For Freight apply to
ARNOLD, KARBURG & CO.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 19th Sept. 1912. [578]

Regular Steamship Service

With liberty to call at the
Malabar Coast.
"PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG"
FOR NEW YORK.
S.S. "PATHAN" 9th Oct.

For Freight and further information
apply to
DODWELL & CO. LTD.,
Agents,
Hongkong 4th Oct. 1912. [582]

SHANTUNG SILK FOR SALE.

WING TAI LOONG
CHIEF SILK FOR SALE
VARIOUS
SELECTED
FINEST QUALITY.

To be obtained at Moderate Prices
from the HONGKONG BRANCH
WING TAI LOONG
181, Victoria Road, Hongkong.
[583]

MOVEMENTS OF

STEAMERS.

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO DEPART TO-MORROW.

For	Vessel
Swatow etc.	Daiji Maru
Swatow	Haimun
Philippines	Tauzer
Haiphong	Sungkiang
Shanghai	Wingsang

DEPART ON MONDAY.

For	Vessel
Manila	Sai Tai
Yokohama	Binh Thuan
Vancouver	Keenan
Japan	Magellan

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO ARRIVE TO-MORROW.

From	Vessel
Shanghai	Kwonggang
Singapore	Kanagawa Maru
Moji	Colombo Maru
Shanghai	Panama Maru

ARRIVE ON MONDAY.

From	Vessel
Chinawater	Ontang
Singapore	Kawachi Maru
Singapore	Iochia

AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Mongolia
sailed from Yokohama for this port via
Manila on Wednesday, the 2nd inst.,
between 10 a.m. and noon. Her mails
has been transferred to the E. & A.
Co.'s s.s. St. Albans.

The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru left
Hongkong for Yokohama on the 27th
inst., and is expected here on the 18th
inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Tenyo Maru left
San Francisco for Hongkong via
Honolulu, Japan ports and Manila on
the 27th ult., and is due here on the
28th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Shinyo Maru left
Honolulu for San Francisco on the
1st inst., where she is due on the 7th
inst., and leaves again for Hongkong
on the 19th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Nilo
will be dispatched from this port for
San Francisco via Nagasaki, Kobe,
Yokohama and Honolulu on Tuesday,
the 15th inst., at 1 p.m.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of
Japan left Yokohama for Victoria and
Vancouver, B.C., on Wednesday, the
26th ult., at 6 a.m.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of
India left Vancouver, B.C., for
Hongkong (via usual ports of Call)
on Thursday, the 26th ult., a.m.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Kleist which left
here on Thursday, the 5th ult., at 10
a.m., arrived at Genoa on Wednesday,
the 2nd inst., noon.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Coblenz left
Sydney on Saturday, the 21st ult., at
11 a.m., and may be expected here on
or about Monday, the 14th inst.

The E. and A. s.s. Estara left
Sydney on the 25th ult., for this port,
via Queensland ports, Port Darwin,
Timor and Manila.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The Barber Line s.s. Wry Castle
sailed from New York on the 18th
July, for Hongkong via the Straits.

The Barber Line s.s. Manchester
Castle sailed from New York on the
25th July, for Hongkong and the Pa-
cific.

The s.s. Egremont Castle sailed from
New York on the 12th ult., for the
Far East.

The s.s. Glenstrae passed the Suez
Canal on Tuesday, the 17th ult., for
Hongkong via the Straits.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co.'s s.s.
Peking left Suva on the 23rd ult., and
is expected to arrive here on or about
the 28th inst.

The s.s. Iechia left Singapore for this
port on Monday, the 30th ult., and
may be expected here on or about the
7th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Bujo Maru
will leave Hongkong for South America
via Japan ports and Honolulu on the
4th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Hongkong Maru
left Manila for Honolulu on the
29th ult., and is expected here on the
15th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru arrived
at Callao from Salina Cruz on the 8th
inst., and leaves again for Iquique on
the 7th inst.

The I. C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Fousang,
from Guaymas, (Mexico) is due at
Hongkong on the 21st inst.

The I. C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Oasang,
from Chinawater, is due at Hongkong
on the 7th inst. and leaves for Chin-
wantao on the 17th inst.

The L. C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Kwong-
sang, from Shanghai, is due at
Hongkong on the 6th inst., and leaves
for Shanghai on the 13th inst.

The Shiro Line s.s. Finisshire, from
London is due at Hongkong on the
9th inst. She passed Canal on the
10th ult.

The O. S. K. s.s. Panama Maru,
from Tacoma left Shanghai for this
port on the 8th inst., a.m., and is due
here on the 6th inst., p.m.

The Dilwara from Calcutta left
Singapore on Wednesday, afternoon,
and may be expected here on or about
the 8th inst., p.m.

The Danish s.s. Indien left Sabang
on Tuesday, the 1st inst., and may be
expected here on or about Wednesday,
the 6th inst.

The Ben Line s.s. Benedi, from
Leith and London, left Singapore on
the 8th inst., for Hongkong.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Kanagawa Maru
European Line, left Singapore of this
port on the 1st inst., and is expected
here on the 6th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Colombo Maru
Calcutta Line, left Moji for this port
on the 1st inst., and is expected here
on the 5th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Kawachi Maru
Bombay Line, left Singapore for this
port on the 1st inst., and is expected
here on the 7th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Kanakura Maru
Bombay Line, left Kobe for this port
via Moji on the 4th inst., and is
expected here on the 11th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Sado Maru
American Line, left Kobe for this port
via ports on the 4th inst., and is
expected here on the 15th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Tosa Maru
Calcutta Line, left Calcutta for this
port via ports on the 25th ult.,
and is expected here on the 15th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Nikko Maru
Australian Line, left Sydney for this
port on the 15th inst., and is expected
here on the 21st inst.

HOTEL LISTS.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Aitrop, O.	Mackenzie, A.
Allen, C. H.	Madison, Dr. O.
Babcock, Dr. H.	Marlow, Dr. O.
Barbieri, A. T.	MacLennan, Mr. & Mrs.
Barlett, A. H.	Mrs. Nell
Beaumont, G. A.	Marker, H. L.
Bell, C. D. J.	Matheson, Mrs. R.
Benn, G. A.	T. & Child
Bianchi, Mr. and Mrs.	McKenny, Dr. C.
Bosch, H.	Mehta, K. B.
Braunholtz, P.	Melcher, J.
Bryce, Mrs. W.	Mejick, J.
Buchner, O.	Miklo, D. M.
Chase, J. V.	Muller, Mr. and Mrs.
Chase, Mrs. E. R.	Mrs. J. D. P.
Chao, P. W.	Moore, Miss P.
Claxton, A. A.	Morill, J.
Cooper, W. A. J.	Northcombe, Capt.
Crocker, Miss	and Mrs. F. D.
Curry, G. P.	Crustain, L.
Davis, O. H.	Palmer, Miss D.
Deane, Mr. & Mrs.	Piesbergen, H. E.
A. S.	Randall, Dr. L. F.
Delfor, C.	Ray, R. H.
Douglas, Mrs. R. H.	Rey, Miss F.
Dunne, W. C.	Reich, Chas.
Dunne, A.	Remusat, Mr. and Mrs.
Edenfield, Mr. and Mrs.	Rosenfeld, D. L.
Mrs. H. C.	Ross, Mr. & Mrs.
Everall, H. J.	G.
Fahrlander, Mr.	Ricker, Mr. and Mrs.
Finlayson, Mrs. C.	Mrs. R. H.
Fletcher, H. G.	Sooton, Jas.
Fowler, E. A. S.	Solomon, H. H.
French, Mrs. & child	Stogard, L. Vanden
Fulmer, Dennis	Sutherland, P. D.
Game, J. N.	Squire, Miss
George, Mr. & Mrs.	Smith, Mr. & Mrs.
G. R.	G. H.
Graham, D. M. G.	Taylor, J. O.
Grimshaw, R. J.	Trist, Mr. & Mrs.
Gutsch, Dr.	P. J.
Hall, Wm.	Vermell, G.
Hartford, W. T.	Vollbrecht, E.
Holloway, Mr. and Mrs.	Watkins, H.
Mrs. J.	Watson, L.
Hoppe, E.	Whamond, D. M.
Honih, Dr. S.	White, Mr. & Mrs.
Innes, Capt. R.	H. L. H.
Jeffrey, W. C.	Williamson, A.
Kaloorie, Mr. and Mrs.	West, Mr. & Mrs.
Mrs. F. S.	H. L.
Kent, Mr. C. R.	Wodike, Voa
Reut, Capt. W. E.	Wood, G. G.
Komor, S.	Wright, Mr. and Mrs.
Leinert, G. F.	Mrs. J. F.
Lloyd, G. T.	Young, J. A.

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COMMERCIAL.

SHARE REPORT.

Moisture, Wright and Hornby's Share Report dated October 5, states:—

The market has continued active throughout the week and a good business has been done, in many instances at an advance on last week quotations.

Para Rubber is quoted from London at 4/8 per lb. and the market for shares closed quiet.

Bar Silver is quoted at 20.9-10 per oz. for ready and 20.5/8 per oz. for forward delivery, firm.

Exchange on London open today at 2s. 1d. T.T.

Banks, Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have received from London at 2/8 with sales and further buyers at the rate; the London rate is 2/8-0-0.

Marine Insurance.—Unions are still in demand at \$810 and Canton have advanced firm \$245 to \$250 buyers. North-Chinas are quoted from the North at Tls. 242/2 sellers. Yangtzes are in request at \$102, sellers asking \$105 ex 73.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkong Fires wanted at \$355 and China Fires at the improved rate of \$135.

Shipping.—Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboats are still in demand at \$27.3-4, China and Manilas have sold at \$3.75 and there are further buyers at the rate. Star Ferries are steady at \$40. Douglas's are neglected with sellers at \$25. Shell Transports declined in London during the week from 114/- to 100/- but have since recovered to 108/6 middle.

Refineries.—China Sugars have declined to 110/- at which rate a fair business has been done. Luzons have weakened and closed with sellers at 33.3-4.

Mining.—Rauks are a strong market with buyers at \$3.50. Tronchs have sold locally at 75/7-8 and 74/-; the London price is 74/6 middle. Pahang Consolidated are quoted from London at 12/6 middle. Langkats are quiet with sellers asking Tls. 50.

Docks Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong Docks have sold at \$45 and there are further buyers at the rate. Shanghai Docks have buyers at Tls. 48. Kowloon Wharves have improved from \$60 to \$67 buyers. After sales at 68.1-4 and 68.1-2. Hongkong Wharves are quoted from the North at Tls. 98, buyers. New Amoy Docks can be placed at \$6.1-4.

Lands Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have sold at 103.1-2 and more shares can be placed at this rate. Kowloon Lands are wanted at \$34 and West Points at \$55.1-2. Hongkong Hotels are steady at \$114 for the old shares and there are buyers of the new issue at 73.1-2. Humphreys Estates are still on-quired for at \$7.3-4.

Cotton Mills.—Hongkong Cottons are in demand at 4.3-4. Ewo's are quoted at Tls. 105.

Miscellaneous.—There are buyers of China Borneos at \$9.1-4. Watsons at the improved rate of \$5.50 after sales at \$5.35. Hongkong Electric at \$23.1-4. Hongkong Electric Trams at 5/- Weismanns at \$17, China Lights at \$2.00 and Watkins at \$3. There are sellers of China Providents at 8.1-2 and Cements at 3.90.

Quotations Received by Cable from London to day.

Banks 283/-
Indos 27/2/6
Shells 25/8/6
Tronchs 23/14/6
Pahang Consolidateds 12s/6d
Kallans 34s/9d
Hongkong Electric Trams 5/-
Eastern Internationals 10/-
Rubber Plantation, I
Trusts 10/8
and 11/8 Pm Sellers
London Asiatics 11/8
United Serdangs 12/6

Shanghai Bullion.
September 30, 1912.

Bar Silver ... 20 1-16d.
Mexican Dollars,
Market Rate ... Tls. 7.48
Dragon Dollars,
Native Bank
Rate ... 74.825
Copper Cash ... per Tls. 17.62
Shanghai Gold Bars ... Tls. 342
Bar Silver ... Tls. 11.16
Sovereigns ...
Buying rate ... Tls. 6.25

Manila Oil Quotations.

September 10, 1912.

Standard Oil Company.

Comet Brand ... P3.15
Cook ... 3.00
White Rose ... 3.55
Naptha ... 5.25
Behn, Meyer and Co., Ltd.
Dragon Brand ... P2.90
Rizal Brand ... 2.95
Gasoline "Shell" ... 5.25
Wise & Co., Ltd.

Hollo Sugar Statistics.

September 15, 1912.

Exports since Oct. 31st, 1911

in Piculs.

Superior Wet

Great Britain

United States 2,028,000

Japan ... 158,071 2,004

India ...

Total 2,184,071 2,004

1911-12 Crop. Wet

Great Britain

United States 1,003,530

Japan ... 48,400 64,988

China ... 230,408 140,240

Coastwise ... 5,802 800

Total—1,385,147 Total—215,028

Current 4,653

ANDREW LANG'S WILL

Mr. Andrew Lang, who died

on July 20, left property valued

at £12,498, the will being proved

by his widow, Charles James

Longman, of 39, Paternoster-row,

and James S. Steedman, of

Melkirk. He gives the copyright

of his books and literary

productions in England and

elsewhere, with the benefit of his

agreements with the publishers,

all published and unpublished,

and papers and manuscripts,

£500, as policy of insurance for

£3,000, and the household and

personal effects, to his wife, and

the income for life from the

residue. On her decease he gives

an annuity of £50 to his sister,

Helen Sellar Lang; £8,000 to his

nephew, Craig Sellar Lang;

£2,000 in trust for his brother

John, and his children; £1 a

week to Jessie Robb, now in his

service; and the residue to his

wife.

British Consular Service.

The following Consular ap-

pointments are notified in the

"London Gazette":—Mr. Arthur

Morison Chalmers to be H. M.

Consul for the Consular District

of Nagasaki, comprising the

Prefectures of Saga, Nagasaki,

Kumamoto, Miyazaki, Kagoshima

and Okinawa (Loochoo Islands),

to reside at Nagasaki; Mr. John

Twizell Wawn to be H. M. Con-

sul at Chonampulpo; Mr. Alfred

Richard Firth to be H. M. Vice-

Consul at Kobe; and Mr. William

Massey Royle to be H. M. Vice-

Consul at Manila.

Notices

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE.

HONGKONG.

OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS AND VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended), every Domestic Building or part of such Building within the EASTERN Division of the City of Victoria, occupied by Members of more than one family, except those within the European Reservation or in Kowloon South of Antler Road or those parts of a Domestic Building used as a Shop, Office or Godown, must be CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT by the owners during the months of October and November.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this notice means that the houses should be limewashed in respect of all the Walls of each Room, all Outside Partitions, Stair Casings and Stair Landings, all Ceilings and the Undersides of Roofs in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters; and inclusive of Verandahs.

The Backyard must have its Containing Walls Limewashed up to the level of the First Floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork in good condition, however, need not be limewashed but must be Oiled.

The EASTERN Division of the City is bounded on the West by Gilman Street, and East Street. Kowloon is divided into the Eastern and Western divisions by Nathan Road and straight lines drawn from the North through the Yau-mai service reservoir to the Northern Boundary of Kowloon.

W. BOWEN BOWLAND, Secretary.

Done this 1st day of October, 1912.

Public Companies

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th to the 23rd instant, 14 days in advance.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 1st Oct., 1912. [718]

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that on and after the 1st October, my business as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, will be carried on under the style of H. STEPHENS and Co.

There will be no change in the management or conduct of the business of which, as hitherto, I remain SOLE PROPRIETOR.

H. STEPHENS,

19, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 30th Sept., 1912. [706]

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 7th October, 1912, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1912.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st to 7th October, 1912, both days inclusive.

By Order, M. MANUK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st Sept., 1912. [692]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held on SATURDAY, the 5th October, 1912, at 12.30 p.m., at the Office of the Hongkong Jockey Club, on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chester Road.

By Order, T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 21st Sept., 1912. [686]

Public Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION

at Macao.

The Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on SUNDAY,

the 6th October, 1912, at 2 p.m.

At the M. S. Electric Light Works,

Bella Vista, Macao.

THREE GAS ENGINES,

2 of 160 H. P.

1 of 65 H. P.

Further particulars apply to the undersigned.

P. L. HINGKEE, Auctioneer.

Macao, 1st Oct., 1912. [712]

Notices

NOTICE.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

will be held on WEDNESDAY the 9th inst. Intending candidates must apply to the Registrar before 5 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 8th, stating expressly in which they wish to be examined, and enclosing 10/- per test.

W. J. HINTON, Registrar.

Hongkong, 4th Oct., 1912. [724]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

By kind permission of Captain Green the Organist of the City of Hongkong will play during the HONGKONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY.

H. H. HINGKEE, Organist.

Hongkong, 1st Oct., 1912. [714]

BANKS

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

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London Office: 25, Abchurch Lane, E.C. 4.

BRANCHES:—

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LETTERS OF CREDIT and DRAFTS granted on all the principal cities in the world.

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GEORGE HOBBS, Manager.

9, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 20th July, 1912. [19]

BANKS

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL:—HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, AND SHANGHAI.

RESERVE FUND:—HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, AND SHANGHAI.

RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PRO-PRRIETORS:—HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, AND SHANGHAI.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—

F. H. Anderson, Esq., Chairman.

S. H. Dowell, Esq., Deputy Chairman.

Andrew Forbes, Esq., W. L. Patterson.

G. E. Gubbay, Esq., Hon. Mr. C. H. Row.

G. E. Gubbay, Esq., H. A. Sells, Esq.

G. E. Gubbay, Esq.,

Other Managers:—

Hongkong:—N. J. STARR.

Shanghai:—A. O. STEPHEN.

London:—BANKERS—LONDON, COUNTY AND WESTMINSTER BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:—

On Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. on balances on the daily basis.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 1 month, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 3 months, 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 5 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 6 1/2 per cent. per annum.

N. J. STARR, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Sales may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION ON FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, N. J. STARR, Chief Manager.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL:—£1,200,000.

RESERVE FUND:—£1,850,000.

RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPRIETORS:—£1,200,000.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

Wm. DICKSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1912. [22]

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP:—Sh. Tals 7,500,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:—BERLIN.

BRANCHES:—

Berlin, Calcutta, Canton, Hamburg, Hankow, Kobe, Peking, Singapore, Tientsin, Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS:—Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons.

THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENTS.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts. DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

E. TIMMERSCHMIDT, Manager.

Hongkong, 9th Oct., 1911. [2]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Aut. and Capital:—£1,000,000.

Reserve Fund:—£1,250,000.

Paid Up:—£500,000.

Reserve Fund:—£350,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—

40, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.

BRANCHES:—

Bombay, Calcutta, Canton, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Singapore, Soerabaya, Tientsin, Yokohama.

AGENTS IN JAPAN:—Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

BANKERS:—

Bank of England, London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.

EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Stocks and Shares bought and sold on account of Customers. Letters of Credit granted on Agency and Correspondence all over the world.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 3 per cent. per annum.

Daily Balances and Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

J. C. MACKENZIE, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st Oct., 1912. [714]

BANKS

Exchange

Selling.

Buying.

T/T. Demand ... 3/1

30 d/s ... 3/1 1/16

60 d/s ... 3/1 1/16

4 m/s ... 3/1 1/16

T/T. Shanghai ... 71 1/2

T/T. Singapore ... 101 1/2

T/T. Japan ... 101 1/2

T/T. India ... 101 1/2

T/T. Ceylon ... 101 1/2

T/T. Java ... 101 1/2

T/T. Manila ... 101 1/2

T/T. Hongkong ... 101 1/2

T/T. London ... 101 1/2

T/T. New York ... 101 1/2

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T/T. Hongkong ... 101 1/2

T/T. London ... 101 1/2

THE LAN TAO AFFAIR.

Sharp Passages in Court.

Owing to an argument, during the hearing of the Lan Tao case, in the Police Court, taking place as we were going to press yesterday, we hold the following over until to-day:—

Mr. Lewis:—The other men from the junk are still in police custody?

Sergeant Brazil:—Yes, that is so.

And they have been in Police custody since September 27, and no charge has been placed against them?

After asking the question to be repeated, the sergeant said the men were not in police custody.

Where are they?—I am not in a position to say.

Where are they?—I refuse to say.

Mr. Hodgson said that Mr. Lewis was not representing the other men and had nothing to do with him. The police had to make a lot of enquiries which were confidential and they would not be passed on to Mr. Lewis or anybody else.

Mr. Lewis:—I have something further than this to ask. From information I have received I ask your Worship to direct the witness to answer the question. Your Worship has the power and, with all respect, I submit it is your duty to ask him.

Sergeant Brazil:—With all respect between you and me, you asked me a question outside the Court and now that you have got the information you are asking me about it in Court.

Mr. Hodgson complained that it was most unfair. Mr. Lewis went round to the police and got information and used it when the case came into Court.

Mr. Lewis asked for an explanation and when Sergeant Brazil asked his Worship if he should tender one he said he would rather not hear it.

Mr. Lewis said he had only heard of the information from his interpreter.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps orders dated Oct. 4 issued by Major D. Macdonald announce parades at headquarters at 5.30 p.m., as follows:—

Artillery Battery:—Monday 7th. Squad & Co. Drill, Tuesday 8th. Specialists, Wednesday 9th. Gun Drill under Co. Officers; Friday 11th. Semaphore Abbreviations. Lecture; Tuesday and Friday Fuzee Setting. Saturday 6th, 2.30 p.m. Trained men Musketry; Sunday 6th, 9 a.m. Trained men Musketry.

Engineer Co.:—Monday 7th. Squad & Co. Drill. Lecture: Field Telephone; Tuesday 8th. Instruction in Musketry; Wednesday 9th. Technical Instruction at West Fort Kowloon, 9 p.m.; Friday 11th. Semaphore Signalling.

Machine Gun Company:—Monday 7th. Squad & Co. drill; Tuesday 8th. Instruction in Musketry; Wednesday 9th. H. G. Drill & Mechanism; Friday 11th. Semaphore Signalling. Lecture, Tuesday Mechanism; Friday 11th. Semaphore Signalling.

Artillery Battery 10 pr. Section:—Capt. W. Armstrong is attached to the 10 pr. Section, in command, from this date.

Left Section M. G. Coy:—Lieut. L. O. Rees will command the above Section during the attachment of Capt. Armstrong to the 10 pr. Section.

Musketry:—Dress:—The following will be worn by all members when carrying out musketry exercise:—Khaki drill with putties, helmet without Dragon badge. No belt or sidearms.

Joined:—Mr. R. M. Austin joined the Corps on the 27. 9. 12 allotted Corps No. 1361 and is posted to the Scouts Company.

Transfer:—Gunner E. J. McNulty is transferred from the Howitzer Section to the Left Section Machine Gun Company with effect from the 1st instant.

Resigned:—Lieut. J. W. Hartley is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony with effect from the 2nd instant. Bombardier E. E. Craddock is permitted to resign with effect from the 1st instant.

Howitzer Section:—Notice:—The first Company shoot will take place next Sunday the 6th inst. at King's Park Range at 2.30 p.m. Ammunition must be obtained from the Volunteer Headquarters before 1 p.m. on Saturday the 5th inst.

THE MACWATERS QUARTETTE.

The MacWaters Quartette have captured the hearts of people on the Shamoan, and there are many residents who now regret that they were not present at the concert given in the Canton Club Theatre. It proved to be an immense success. The humoresques, as sung by the Quartette, were equally effective, while their ensemble work, their close harmonies, their tone blending in southern melodies and classics were superb. Mr. Evans is a clever pianist, who shows beautiful technique, while the tenor and bass solos and the duet by Messrs. Oakes and Schultz were distinctively pleasing. The climax of the evening was the brilliant rendition Strauss "Greeting to Spring" from the Blue Danube Waltzes, being an arrangement for Quartette with piano.

The programme for the concert in the Theatre Royal on Tuesday is as follows:—

(a) The night has a Thousand Eyes MacO'neil.

(b) On the Sea..... Dudley Buck.

The Quartette.

Bill's in Trouble..... Humorous Reading.

Mr. Thomas.

Annie Laurie..... Arranged by Dudley Buck.

The Quartette.

Irish Love Song..... Tenor Solo.. Lang.

Mr. Oakes.

Aunt Marjory..... Humorous..... Parks.

The Quartette.

The Batt & Eve..... Tenor and Bass Duet.

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Mr. Oakes and Mr. Schultz.

Remember thy Creator..... Humorous.

The Quartette.

Intermission.

I'd like to go down South.

Once More..... Parks.

The Quartette.

Concert Waltz..... Piano Solo..... Schutt.

Mr. Evans.

Dried Apple Pies..... Humoresque.

Autonomous.

The Quartette.

Deep in the Mine..... Piano Solo..... Jude.

Mr. Schultz.

Greeting (From the "Blue Danube Waltzes") Strauss.

Quartette with Piano.

Humorous Readings..... Selected.

Mr. Thomas.

(a) Kentucky Babe..... Parks.

(b) Good Night..... Buck.

The Quartette.

The Quartette is composed as follows:—

J. Adams Oakes..... First Tenor.

Frank R. Evans, Second Tenor Pianist.

William B. Thomas..... Bass.

Arthur E. Schultz..... Bass.

CONTRABAND OPIUM.

Alleged Big Haul in Mongolia's Stateroom.

San Francisco, Sept. 6:—Twenty-nine five-ton tins of opium, valued at \$800, were found this morning hidden in a stateroom of the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia and were confiscated by Customs Inspector Samuel Sackett.

This is the first contraband opium that has been found aboard the Mongolia. Customs inspectors, however, believe that more of the drug is concealed aboard the ship and the searching squad, armed with searchlights, gimlets, crowbars and other implements, is probing every nook and corner of the stateroom. It is believed that the contraband was found had been unoccupied during the voyage across the Pacific, and the inspectors are of the opinion that the forbidden drug was smuggled into the apartment by a Chinese member of the crew.

To-day's seizure is the first that has been made in more than six weeks since special agents of the fight against the opium ring.—Exchange.

Rebuilding in Calne Road. Extensive alterations are taking place in the large block next to the Missions Bungalows in Calne Road. Some time since, the whole property was acquired by a Straits-born Chinese, and we are now informed that, when the premises are pulled down, two rows of houses—one on the higher level with the street—will be erected.

Land Sales. Ten lots of crown land are to be sold by auction at the District Land Office, Taipei, on the 11th inst. the upset prices varying from \$2 to \$35, at the District Land Office, Hongkong, on the 18th inst. at 2.30 p.m. 12,100 square feet of crown land, situated at Ping Chau are to be sold, the upset price is \$121.

POST OFFICE.

SIBERIAN ROUTE. SUPERSCRIPTION UNNECESSARY FOR EUROPE.

Letters and post card for Europe will in future be despatched by the route of Siberia unless marked by the sender for transmission by another route. Printed matter and samples will continue to be sent by the Suez Canal route.

The Public are requested to have their correspondence addressed to their house numbers and not their house names, as such names are often confusing to Chinese Postmen.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London Due Shanghai
Sept. 18 Oct. 6
Sept. 22 Oct. 7

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Manila, s.s. Koonan
Manila, s.s. Buji
Singapore, s.s. Koonan.

MAILS DUE.

French, Magellan, 7th inst.
American, Nippon Maru, 18th inst.
American, Yonjo Maru, 28th inst.

MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow—Per Hainan, 6th Sept., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Tamsui—Per Daig-mai, 6th Oct., 9 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Teucer, 6th Oct., 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per Signal, 6th Oct., 9 a.m.

Huikow, Tamsui and Quanton—Per Baleno, 6th Oct., 9 a.m.

Saigon—Per Telemachus, 6th Oct., 9 a.m.

Macao—Per Sai Tai, 7th Oct., 1.15 p.m.

Tegal—Per Binh Thuan, 7th Oct., 3 p.m.

Japan via Kuchinozaki, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver and Seattle—Per Kumun, 7th Oct., 4 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per Magellan, 7th Oct., 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Hainan, 8th Oct., 10 a.m.

Straits and Borneo—Per Chusanang, 8th Oct., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Kobe, Victoria, B.C. and Seattle (Europe via Siberia)—Per Awa-maru, 8th Oct., 11 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Letter posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) (Late Letters, 11.00 a.m. to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.)—Per Sydney, 8th Oct., 11 a.m.

Formosa via Keelung, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States and South America via San Francisco—Per Chiyomaru, 8th Oct., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sai Tai, 8th Oct., 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Rubi, 8th Oct., 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Kaifong, 8th Oct., 9 p.m.

Macao—Per Sai Tai, 9th Oct., 1.15 p.m.

Macao—Per Sai Tai, 10th Oct., 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chichina, 10th Oct., 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands, Timor, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Port Darwin—Per St. Albans, 12th Oct., 10 a.m.

Straits and India via Bombay—Per Ischia, 12th Oct., 10 a.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Weena Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, Oct. 11th at 5 p.m.—Per China, 12th Oct., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per Dilwan, 12th Oct., 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuenang, 12th Oct., 1 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Anhui, 12th Oct., 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Hangang, 12th Oct., 5 p.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Tamsui, 14th Oct., 10 a.m.

Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Weena Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi—Per Brindisi, 14th Oct., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per Dilwan, 14th Oct., 10 a.m.

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SHIPPING-NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Kosher, Aust. s.s. 5,789, C. Zamara, 4th Oct.—Singapore, 28th Sept., Gen.—S. W. & Co.

Petahaburi, Br. s.s. 1,375, F. Minkwitz, 4th Oct.—Bali Papan 27th Sept., Ballast.—B. & S.

Keen n, Br. s.s. 6,887, R. Conrad, 4th Oct.—Manila 1st Oct., Gen.—B. & S.

Keen n, Br. s.s. 1,878, C. Goro, 4th Oct.—Sarangay, Bali Papan 21st Sept., Gen.—J. O. J. L.

Ceylon, Br. s.s. 2,987, B. Ker, 5th Oct.—Yokohama via Shanghai 24th Sept., Gen.—P. & O. S. N. & Co.

Kaijo Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,298, Y. Yamamoto, 5th Oct.—Swatow 4th Oct., Gen.—O. S. K.

Rubi, Am. s.s. 2,797, J. Miller, 5th Oct.—Manila, P.I. 2nd Oct., Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Glenfalloch, Br. s.s. 1,431, Garde, 5th Oct.—Swatow 3rd Oct., Gen.—J. T. Bong.

Sabine Rickmers, Dutch s.s. 573, Doreis, 5th Oct.—Singapore 27th Sept.—A. P. & Co.

Belgravia, Ger. s.s. 4,246, Hildebrandt, 5th Oct.—Hankow 30th Sept., Gen.—H. A. L.

Helene, Ger. s.s. 771, J. Jensen, 5th Oct.—Swatow 4th Oct., Gen.—J. & Co.

CLEANANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Petahaburi, for Bangkok.

Daig-mai, for Tamsui.

Aikoku-maru, for Wakamatsu.

Kosher, for Shanghai.

Peeling, for Nanchang.

Ceylon, for London.

Montague, for Victoria.

Hainan, for Swatow.

Namsang, for Calcutta.

Longsang, for Manila.

Sabine Rickmers, for Kobe.

Glenfalloch, for Singapore.

Teucer, for London.

Linn, for Shanghai.

Tikiiki, for Kobe.

DEPARTED.

Oct. 5.

Triumph, for Macao.

Wingsang, for Shanghai.

Montague, for Vancouver.

Prime Waldemar, for New Zealand.

Hanyang, for Canton.

Michael Jensen, for Canton.

Choising, for Canton.

Loongang, for Philippine Islands.

Namsang, for Straits.

Peeling, for Nanchang.

Petahaburi, for Bangkok.

Sixta, for Swatow.

Hongkong, for Halphong.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Kaijo Maru, arrived 5th Oct., from Swatow.

Cummann, Sotherland, Mr. & Mrs. D.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per s.s. Desflinger, sailed on 2nd Oct., for Shanghai, &c.

Bromhead, Paul Kadoorie, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Chow, Mrs. L. A. B. R.

Chow Sze, Mrs. L. A. B. R.

Chungpang, Li Yak-tong, K. S. K.

Derouzier, P. S. K.

Hemmerdinger, E. Smith.

Famsh, R. L. Tong Shou-kiang.

Joseph, Miss M. Tam Wing.

Kam Chong, Yik Chi-ken.